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Answer Key

1. The article gives one example of perseverance when Lonnie Johnson built toys as a child. Cite another example of perseverance.

Possible answers:

- He built a robot in high school
- He went to college
- He worked at NASA
- He started his own company

2. Give an example from the text that supports the statement that Lonnie Johnson is intelligent.

Possible answers:

- Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.
- Two years later, he earned a master's degree in nuclear engineering.
- While serving in the United States Air Force he helped develop the stealth bomber.

3. Give an example from the text that supports the statement that Lonnie Johnson is creative. Possible answer: Lonnie Johnson is creative because he holds 100 patents for his inventions. This means that he has created 100 original ideas.

4. What can you infer from the fact that Lonnie Johnson is working on developing environmentally friendly ways to generate power? I can infer that Lonnie Johnson cares about the environment and wants to create a way to generate power that doesn't harm the environment.

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1. Perseverance means to continue working on a goal even when difficulties occur. Give an example of when Ann Cole Lowe showed perseverance in her life. **Possible answers:**
 - Ann finished the four ball gowns after her mother died.
 - Ann remade the dresses for Bouvier's wedding.
2. Why do you think that Jaqueline Lee Bouvier did not give credit to Ann when reporters asked her who had made her dress? **I think that she did not give credit to Ann because she was a Black designer.**
3. What does the quote in the black box tell you about Ann's career choice? **The quote tells me that she was very happy with being a fashion designer.**
4. Give an example that supports the statement that Ann was a creative person.
Possible answers:
 - Ann entertained herself by taking the scraps of fabric that fell on the floor and turning them into flowers.
 - Ann always created original dresses. She never made two dresses that were the same.

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1. The author states, "But she loved competing in sports. This was where she was the strongest and happiest." What text evidence supports this statement? **The text evidence that supports this statement is, "She became the first black woman to join the LPGA--the Ladies Professional Golfing Association."** The answer should also include the fact that Gibson tried acting and singing before taking up golf.
2. Explain how you know that Althea Gibson enjoyed trying new activities. Use text evidence to support your answer. **Possible Answers:**
 - Gibson switched from paddle ball to tennis.
 - Evidence: Althea quickly adapted, or adjusted to playing tennis.
 - Gibson sang and acted.
 - Evidence: Althea went on to record an album of songs and appear in a movie with the famous actor, John Wayne.
 - Gibson played golf.
 - Evidence: She became the first black woman to join the LPGA--the Ladies Professional Golfing Association.
3. Summarize Althea's childhood in 3-5 sentences. **Possible answer: Althea Gibson grew up in Harlem. She had a difficult childhood and struggled in school. But she excelled in sports. She won championships in both paddle ball and tennis.**
4. What detail in the text connects with Althea's quote, "No matter what accomplishments you make, somebody helped you"? Explain. **The detail that connects with Althea's quote is, "So the neighbors gathered donations for Althea so she could purchase a junior membership to the Cosmopolitan Tennis Club in Harlem."** Without the neighbor's help, Althea wouldn't have learned how to play tennis and she wouldn't have been able to win championships.

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1. How does the sentence, “It is important to remember where you come from and the traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation.” connect with Edna’s cookbook, *The Taste of Country Cooking*? **This sentence connects with her cookbook because the cookbook includes memories about her childhood and talks about her heritage. In the text it says, “Along with her recipes, Edna included memories of her childhood in Virginia, southern traditions, the heritage of African Americans, Juneteenth and Emancipation Day celebrations.” Her cookbook is a way to record and remember her traditions.**
2. What inference can you make from the following passage: “Her first job was working in laundry ironing clothes. She had never ironed before and was fired just three hours later”? **I can infer that Edna was not good at ironing. She might have burned some clothes. I know that people get fired if they don’t do a good job.**
3. Why do you think that publishers didn’t want readers to know the gender or ethnicity of cookbook authors? **I think that the publishers wanted to sell a lot of cookbooks. But they were worried that people wouldn’t buy cookbooks from a female or black person because there are many people that are prejudiced.**
4. What details from the passage support the fact that Edna Lewis was proud of her heritage? **Possible answers:**
 - The restaurant served French food, but Edna also cooked southern dishes from her childhood.
 - Along with her recipes, Edna included memories of her childhood in Virginia, southern traditions, the heritage of African Americans, Juneteenth and Emancipation Day celebrations.